and over 3 lakh family type biogas plants were set up under the National biogas and Manure Management Programme.

Financial assistance for energy from NCES

2488. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted any proposal seeking financial assistance for providing energy from non-conventional energy sources in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether these proposals have been approved, if so, the amount of assistance proposed to be extended for these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Proposals from State Governments, including Tamil Nadu, for the grant of Central financial assistance under various schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources are received on a regular basis. At times, these proposals are found to be incomplete or not in line with the provisions of the schemes/ programmes. Complete proposals are considered and approved subject to budget provision, which is a continuous process.Central financial assistance aggregating over Rs. 20.83 crore has been provided towards various non-conventional energy projects/ programmes in Tamil Nadu during the first four years of the Tenth Plan.

Production of power through sky wind power

†2489. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the possibilities of producing power through 'sky wind power';

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.